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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PN

SUBJECT: UK MINISTER ROWLANDS VISIT IN PANAMA

1. AS EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE, UK MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS

IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT PANAMA SEPTEMBER 16-23. PANAMA HAD  
ORIGINALLY INVITED HIM TO ATTEND THE AMPHICTYONIC CONFERENC  
IN JUNE BUT HIS SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT HIM TO TRAVEL AT TH  
TIME AND THE VISIT WAS POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER. BI-  
LATERAL TALKS WITH PANAMA WILL BE COMPLETED DURING FIRST  
TWO DAYS OF VISIT. DURING REMAINING TIME IN PANAMA,  
MINISTER ROWLANDS WILL PRESIDE OVER A HEADS OF MISSION MEET  
ING AND WILL CHAIR UK DELEGATION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH  
GUATEMALA ABOUT BELIZE.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY HERE INDICATES THAT THE MINISTER  
WILL VISIT THE CANAL ZONE AT SOME TIME DURING HIS VISIT  
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AND ALSO MAY SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR JORDEN.

3. PANAMA HAS URGED THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE UPON COMPLETION OF THE VISIT. BRITISH ARE PROPOSING FOLLOWING TEXT FOR UK PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE:

4. BEGIN TEXT: THE BRITISH MINISTER COMMENTED THAT HMG HAD WELCOMED THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES SET OUT BY DR. KISSINGER AND LIC. JUAN ANTONIO TACK ON FEBRUARY 7, 1974. MR. ROWLANDS EMPHASIZED THAT AS BRITAIN IS A LEADING USER OF THE CANAL HMG VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL LEAD TO AN EARLY SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES, THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE MAJOR MARITIME COUNTRIES AND WHICH PROTECTS THE INTERESTS OF BOTH NEGOTIATING PARTNERS BY ELIMINATING THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT BETWEEN THEM. SUCH A TREATY, OF COURSE WOULD RETURN TO PANAMA JURISDICTION OVER ALL ITS TERRITORY. END TEXT ROBINSON

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